



How To Find The Most Current Version Of A Law In The Indiana Code After The 2002 Legislative Session

Now that the 2002 legislative session is over and new legislation has passed, we need to make sure we are using the most current version of a law.

ELECTRONIC FORMAT:

All of Indiana Code, Title 13, is available on the Internet at the following address:

www.IN.gov/legislative/ic/code/title13/ The site is maintained by the Indiana Legislative Services Agency and Access Indiana.

Please note that the "Indiana Environmental Statutes" book (the soft-covered book published by IDEM) will no longer be published. The 2001 edition is available in electronic format at the following Internet address:

www.IN.gov/idem/sandr02

INDIANA CODE BOOKS (the red hard-covered books):

Version #1: To be used until the 2002 supplement to the Indiana Code is published

You will need to use all THREE of the following resources:

- 1) 1998 edition of the Indiana Code
- 2) 2001 supplement to the Indiana Code
- 3) 2002 enrolled acts

Step 1: Look up the citation of the law in the 1998 edition of the Indiana Code, for example IC 13-18-11-1.

Step 2: Look up the same citation in the 2001 supplement to the Indiana Code. If that citation is there, then the 2001 version supersedes the 1998 version. If that citation is not there, then nothing was passed in 1999, 2000, or 2001 that amends that citation.

Step 3: Look at the "IDEM 2002 Legislative Summary" to see if any enrolled acts were passed in the 2002 session that are related to the citation you are looking up. The versions in the 2002 enrolled acts supersede the 1998 edition and 2001 supplement.

Version #2: To be used after the 2002 supplement to the Indiana Code is published

You will need to use BOTH of the following resources:

- 1) 1998 edition of the Indiana Code
- 2) 2002 supplement to the Indiana Code

(You will no longer need to look at the enrolled acts, except for noncode provisions.)

Step 1: Look up the citation of the law in the 1998 edition of the Indiana Code, for example: IC 13-18-11-1.

Step 2: Look up the same citation in the 2002 supplement of the Indiana Code. If that citation is there, then the 2002 version supersedes the 1998 version. If that citation is not there, then nothing was passed in 1999, 2000, 2001, or 2002 that amends that citation. Since the 2002 supplement is cumulative (contains 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 legislation), you will no longer need to look at the 1999, 2000, or 2001 supplement.

Note: The 1998 *edition* of the Indiana Code is a comprehensive collection of all laws from the 1998 legislative session and earlier. The 2002 *supplement* to the Indiana Code is a collection of new laws and amendments to existing laws from bills that were passed in the 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 legislative sessions. The 1998 edition plus the 2002 supplement together make-up the current set of Indiana laws. Noncode provisions (those with no IC citation) will not appear in the Indiana Code books, but can be found in the enrolled acts and in the Indiana Acts.